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Members of the Highland Storm Bantam team help prepare candy boxes for the Minden Food Bank's Christmas Basket Program Dec. 18 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Volunteers sorted stacks of food and gifts for the Christmas baskets. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Rowdy crowd questions Minden's arena plans

By Joseph Quigley

The Township of Minden Hills sought to inform the public about the current status of a new arena project but faced critique during a public open-house Dec. 17.

A crowd filled the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena for an open house about the project, which would see the current arena demolished and a new arena put up for an estimated \$12 million. The event had displays and featured a 40-minute presentation about the current status of the development from McDonald Brothers Construction and Parkin Architects Limited.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said in an interview he felt the event went well and was a way to clarify facts.

"It goes a long way to addressing the state of what it is and what we're proposing. Any time you can have clarification of the facts and let people precisely know what you're considering is a good thing," Devolin said.

A presentation from Parkin Architects delved into the state of the arena and the

proposed new development. Company vice president Mario Pistone said the foundations for the arena had eroded and poor construction practices had left it in disrepair, to the point of making a new facility more cost effective. A reconstruction of the existing facility would enable it to last 17 years, while a new facility would last over 40.

The presentation also highlighted how the cost estimate for the project has risen, from \$10 million put forward by town council to

\$12 million.

During the question and answer portion of the event, multiple people spoke out about the direction of the new arena facility, which is also to include a gymnasium and walking track.

Jane Adams said the township and developers had to consider the rising and majority senior population of the County of Haliburton.

"You can already see there's some competing interest around how they use this

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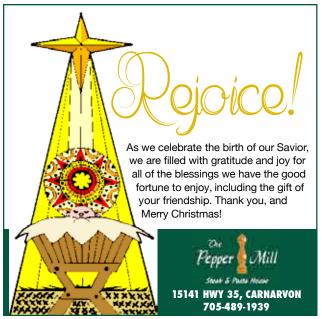
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Prime Minister calls AH council

By Joseph Quigley

The Prime Minister and Minister of Status of Woman recognized the Algonquin Highlands council milestone of being one of the only all-women councils in Canadian history.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Maryam Monsef had a private phone call with the council during its Dec. 13 meeting to recognize the achievement. The call was closed to the public at the behest of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), according to Mayor Carol Moffatt

Moffatt said she thought it was terrific for them to make the call.

"They were just acknowledging the milestone, the achievement, offering congratulations," she said. "We collectively said we had a long way to go toward that gender parity idea."

The call has been the subject of some scorn online, with comments on *The Highlander* Facebook page deriding the Prime Minister.

Moffatt said she herself replied to a neighbour online who said they would hang up on the Prime Minister's call.

"It's absolutely a non-partisan issue. It has nothing to do with Liberals versus Conservatives versus NDP and anyone else," Moffatt said. "It's simply the leader of our country reaching out to a small community to acknowledge a milestone in municipal government or government in general. I think we need to take it for what it is — it's an honour. I have no interest in debating politics with people about the call."

Minister of Status of Women press secretary Braeson Holland said that Trudeau and Monsef wanted to convey congratulations to the council.

"Our government has been working to reduce barriers that women face entering politics," Holland said. "They had a great conversation about women in politics, their priorities for their upcoming term and the impacts of climate change on the Trent-Severn waterway."

The two also called the Town of Spanish, who also elected an all-woman council this term, according to the PMO. Spanish and Algonquin Highlands represent the second and third times this has occurred in the province's history.

PMO press secretary Matt Pascuzzo said in an email the prime minister's phone calls are not typically open to the



Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said it was an honour for the all-woman council to receive a phone call of congratulations from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Status of Women Maryam Monsef. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

media.

Moffatt said she understands the PMO has to be protective in terms of access.

"I would say that it's a bit disappointing we couldn't share the moment with the community through the press, but fully respect the requirements of the PMO," she said.

The Prime Minister also spoke to the future ideal for elected officials, Moffatt said

"We all look forward to the day when just simply people are elected, regardless of gender or identity or anything like that," she said.

"This was yet another milestone of what continues to be a continuing path of interest in this issue and now it's over and we have a lot of work to do," Moffatt further said.

Pool re-surfaces at arena open house

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new development and it heavily skews toward the arena and towards particularly hockey," Adams said, adding the proposed size of the gymnasium has been scaled back.

"The balance is very uneven and I really hope that you will remember that the people you are serving are not all hockey players," she further said, to an applause throughout the crowd.

Minden Hills director of community services Mark Coleman responded that the needs of seniors are being considered as part of the development.

"We certainly do appreciate those values," Coleman said.
"That is part of why we proposed the gym, to expand recreation programming and get it out of the (community) hall here so that we can offer more."

The idea of building a pool also emerged during the question and answer portion, which Devolin addressed.

"The pool was considered. I'm not aware of any community this size in the last decade that's built in the pool," Devolin said, adding the capital costs would be greater and the operational costs would be four times as much as the arena.

Patrick Brousseau of McDonald Brothers Construction said the development could also allow for a pool in the future when money is available.

He added his company will work to get the total cost of the project down.

"I don't want this thing to be \$12.2 (million) when the thing's done. I want to be 11.2," he said. "We need to find a way between now and the end of January to slash more money out of this without sacrificing what you saw and that's our role. That's why I'm here."

Coleman also said the township is looking for grants and is waiting to hear back on a \$1 million grant for enabling accessibility.

Minden Hills council met Dec. 19 and voted to extend the letter of intent for the project to Jan. 31 to extend the validation process. The extension will cost an additional \$140,000.

Devolin said in an interview the discussion showed although people have different interests, they value the arena as a community hub.

He added he did not expect universal support for the project but felt most people did support a new arena.

"Having been through four months of an election campaign that all five returning members returned back, I would say the majority of people I talk to have support," Devolin said.

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Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said council had been carefully considering the issue of retail cannabis. The municipality was the last in the County of Haliburton to opt in to allowing retail cannabis stores Dec. 17. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

Green light for cannabis across Haliburton County

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton and all of its townships have opted-in to allowing retail cannabis outlets.

Each of the townships voted for the measure during their most recent meeting, with Highlands East voting Dec. 6, the County of Haliburton Dec. 12, Minden Hills Dec. 13, Algonquin Highlands Dec. 13 and Dysart et al Dec. 17. The motions came ahead of the province's Jan. 22 deadline for each municipality to decide whether they will opt-in or out of allowing retail cannabis stores in their community.

During the County of Haliburton meeting, Coun. Brent Devolin praised staff reporting on the matter.

"In my mind, it's become clear," Devolin said. "In terms of control and cost recovery, really the only way is to opt-in and the information you've provided has made it much clearer."

Across the county, staff reports on the subjected noted opting would result in additional funding from the province versus opting out. Municipal staff have also said there is economic development opportunity to come with stores opening in the future.

Dysart et al chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee recommended council go forward with opting into retail cannabis.

"It's a legal product. It's really the same as the LCBO in terms of selling liquor and enforcement," Wilbee said during the Dec. 17 meeting. "The safe, regulated supply will meet the needs of the government's goals of improving health and safety and working against the illegal market."

However, opt-in votes did not come without concerns and opposition. In Dysart et al, Coun. John Smith sought a motion to defer the decision and said he was concerned by the lack of ability to control where the retail facilities go.

"We've got a variety of businesses on our main street, people who have made a major investment in business. People who are employing a whole bunch of people in our community. Do they understand there's a possibility that a pot store could open, front-and-centre of downtown in the village of Haliburton?" Smith said.

Wilbee said that you could not zone around people.

"You don't decide where the LCBO is and it's the same thing," Wilbee said. "You can't, basically, add a stigma to people."

Smith also cited a Dec. 10 letter from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health team, signed by doctors at the medical centre, opposing retail cannabis dispensaries.

"There is no doubt there are significant health and social concerns with the use of any psychoactive, potentially addictive substance," the letter said, adding it is an argument against the active promotion of a potentially harmful substance. "This is a complex issue which should require careful consideration."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she reviewed the letter and felt council members have been carefully considering the issue.

"I considered all the information I received from both the county and here in Dysart," she said, before proceeding with the motion to opt-in to retail cannabis.

Dysart council approved it on a 5-2 recorded vote. Coun. Walt McKechnie also voted against opting in, citing concern for possible harm to youth from cannabis.

Each municipality must also provide a cannabis policy statement to the province, which will allow them to provide feedback on possible locations for retail outlets. Dysart et al voted to adopt a policy at its Dec. 17 meeting, which outlines park land, the Youth Hub, Point in Time and any property owned by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board as sensitive areas to consider for retail store placement.

Retail cannabis stores are scheduled to start opening in April. However, the province announced Dec. 13 it would take a phased approach to retail cannabis licences due to national cannabis supply issues. Only 25 licences will be given out in the initial phase through a lottery system, according to a provincal press release.

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Short-term rental committee cancelled

Highlands East says too many conflicts

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council has decided not to create an advisory committee to help make decisions on short-term rentals, citing conflict-of-interest issues with most applicants.

The creation of a Short-term Accommodations Committee was scrapped following a closed session at the inaugural Highlands East council meeting Dec. 6, with council afterward voting unanimously not to proceed with the committee. The committee's mandate was to help investigate solutions for regulation of short-term accommodations, according to a draft terms of reference presented Nov. 7.

A council statement presented at the Dec. 6 meeting and read by Mayor Dave Burton said that the committee had received 18 applications, but 15 of those had rentals and thus faced conflict-of-interest issues.

"With the above information, we will not be proceeding with a Short-term Accommodation Committee," the statement said. "The issue has been very [contentious] and provided a divide in our beautiful municipality."

The process for creating the committee began after a public meeting Aug. 29 regarding a draft bylaw to regulate short-term accommodations, according to Highlands East chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter.

The Dec. 6 council statement also said the municipality would try to seek more public input

about short-term rental regulations.

"Council as a whole feel that we need more information before we are in a position to decide on what short-term accommodations approach best suits the municipality," the statement said. "Council will determine what questions will be asked in order to obtain the required input we seek."

Burton said in an interview that pecuniary interest concerns were not the sole reason for not creating the committee.

"My goal was to get out to the whole municipality and probably put it to a survey or to a vote," he said. "It's just the path council decided to go with."

The draft role of the proposed committee also included advising council on whether to reconsider the bylaw or an alternative solution. Council opted Nov. 7 to wait for the new term before deciding on the committee's terms of reference.

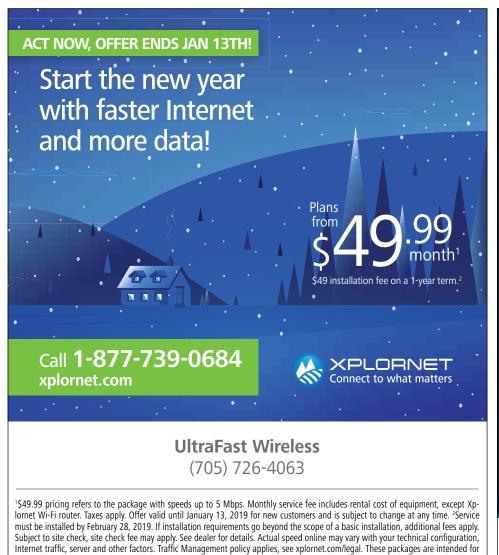
The Dec. 6 statement also said council "has determined to beef-up bylaw enforcement." It also notes a separate advisory committee will handle creation of an educational package for renters.

Burton also referenced short-term accommodations in his inaugural address Dec. 6 and said a resolution would be found.

"We have weathered the short-term accommodation storm, however, many unresolved items remain," he said. "We will provide a resolution that will meet everyone's needs."

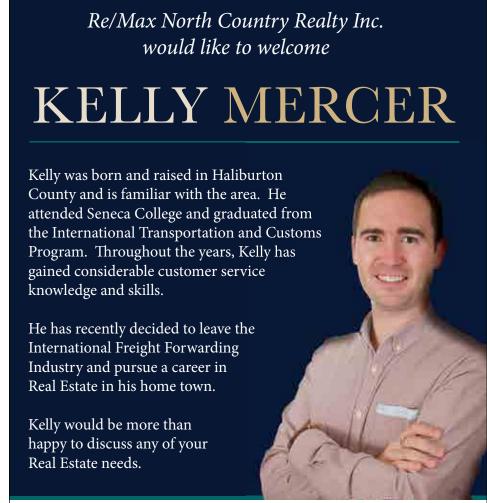


People filled the space for a public meeting in Wilberforce on Highlands East's short-term accommodation bylaw Aug. 29. An advisory committee, meant to advise council about the bylaw, was scrapped by Highlands East council Dec. 6. *File photo*



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Retail reefer madness

By Joseph Quigley

Fear is so often the bane of progress.

That can be true whether it be fear of the unknown, fear of costs or fear of a heavilystigmatized substance like cannabis.

Fortunately, to their credit, the County of Haliburton and its townships did not let fear guide their hands when it came to cannabis, each of them opting-in to allowing retail stores.

The benefits of allowing the stores were repeated at council tables over the past few weeks. Additional funding from the province to deal with cannabis. The economic development new cannabis stores could provide. Working against the black market.

With our municipalities needing all of the dollars they can get, pushing aside the fiscal benefits of retail cannabis stores would have been foolhardy.

There has been justified concern on the issue that friction could emerge due to people smoking cannabis in public. But having more provincial funding to address that can only stand to help.

Despite reports urging the contrary, much of the council opposition to retail cannabis came down to stigma and personal gripes around the substance. Highlands East Coun. Cam McKenzie cited his opposition to legalization and constituent pleas. Dysart Coun. Walt McKechnie cited fear of the harm cannabis could do to youth.

Even after staff explained how municipalities could not zone to restrict the placement of cannabis stores within

retail sectors, Dysart Coun. John Smith spoke to concern about pot shops popping up on main street Haliburton or out of an old church site now zoned retail in West Guilford. He later clarified he wanted people in those places to get a chance to weigh in. Which would, probably, invite people to gripe about their personal distaste for cannabis.

But as has been repeated, legalization of cannabis was not up for debate in this retail discussion. It is legal now and no municipality can change that. Adults 19 and older can purchase it and smoke it in Haliburton today, including in some public spaces. That is the reality, regardless of any retail stores. It is something we will have to deal with more as online ordering improves and the summer season arrives.

Health concerns have also been brought up. Smith also cited a letter sent to Dysart council from doctors at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team urging council to opt out, in an "argument against the active promotion of a potentially harmful substance." The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said municipal councils should consider research on how the physical availability of substances, such as alcohol and tobacco, increases related harms.

But every municipality allows the regulated retail sale of substances like alcohol and tobacco, even if our society would be better off health wise without them. We long ago came to understand prohibition does not work on alcohol,

much as it did not work to totally stop people, including youth, from getting their hands on cannabis when it was illegal



By Joseph Quigley

(one Statistics Canada study found one quarter of Canadians had tried cannabis by the age of 18). Calling for no retail sale of cannabis, if you do not do the same for alcohol and tobacco despite comparable or worse health impacts, comes off as unfair.

There is room for criticism of Ontario's regulations on cannabis and the needed focus on this opt-in, opt-out exercise has arguably slowed work that could have been done to advocate for adjustments to those regulations. There will be growing pains to legalized cannabis and its regulations. But a recent Abacus Data poll found 70 per cent of Canadians can, at minimum, accept legal cannabis. Approval of cannabis will likely only rise with time legalized.

The writing is on the wall. In the coming years, even in municipalities opting out today, retail cannabis stores will be present where it makes business sense. Like with other substances, addressing associated harms should come with education and appropriate regulation.

Legal cannabis is here and fearful foot-dragging is pointless. Good on our municipalities for not falling for that temptation.

The Outsider

Festive fashion and playing second fiddle

By Will Jones

To wear a tie or not to wear a tie, that is the question, or was the question that I found myself asking as I dressed for my lovely wife's Christmas party. Did I even own a tie any more? Where once a sharp three button suit and equally edgy slim tie were commonplace about my person, since moving to Haliburton I have tended more towards the plaid shirt and stout boots. Let's just say there's not much call for a waistcoat and sock suspenders on the construction site and those leather soled dress shoes are down right dangerous on a snowy driveway.

But, there I was pondering what to wear for the party, and as I was already wearing the dress shoes and some pressed black trousers, I felt that my upper body would feel a tad shamed if I threw on a t-shirt. Off a hanger and ironed to within an inch of its life, a white shirt, with cufflinks, too. But a tie... Was that a step too far? Just as I'd cinched up the knot around my throat my lovely wife walked in.

"No. No tie, not at my Christmas party.

You can wear what you like to your party. You can go in a chicken suit as far as I'm concerned, just so long as you don't expect me to go with you but no tie to my party."

And there it was decided, in her mind at least. But I still pondered.

I kind of liked the idea of wearing a tie again, there's something a little debonair, a tad chic about getting all dressed up and the tie was definitely doing it for me at that moment. Once upon a time I might also have been concerned with how my fellow party goers were going to be dressed, too. I might have wondered whether I'd be breaking some social code by foregoing my tie but here, in Haliburton, I knew I need not worry about that.

As it turned out, there was every fashion, every style, every faux pas that one could imagine at the Christmas party and plenty of ties too. Plaid shirts of course but worn with ties, I'm afraid so. Hoodies, fancy shiny silk shirts with ripped jeans, a sweater or two – one v-necked with a shirt and tie underneath, oh how I shuddered. A scruffy t-shirt stretched over ample gut. A dinner suit and even a shirt open

almost to the waist to reveal chest hair and medallion.

And no, this wasn't a

By Will Jones fancy dress party. The boys, well, we tried, some harder

than others and with varying degrees of success but the ladies, they shone as only ladies can (none more so than my lovely wife, I might add). And us gents faded into the background, probably for the best, giving way to full length dresses, tight fitting mini skirts, sequins, jump suits even a feather boa. The ladies were the stars of the show and a wonderful night was had.

My lovely wife may have been right about that chicken costume, albeit I think I could have gotten away with it without too much staring, after all us men are mere arm candy at these festive events. But did I wear a tie? No way, I listen to my wife, vou know. Did I mention I topped off my outfit with a crushed velvet suit jacket, though? And no one batted an eyelid. Merry Christmas and a happily welldressed New Year.



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What is your favourite part of the holiday season?

By Joseph Quigley



Paula Joore

Buckhorn

"It's food. Everybody comes around the table and they eat and they just have conversations."



Jonathan Dale

Ennismore

"Time off work, just to be at home with the family."



Penny Dale

Ennismore

"Being able to spend time with my kids, my kids being off school. My family's my number one thing for me."



Kelly Winder

Haliburton

"I'm actually getting to go to Florida ... for the holiday season, so I'm actually going to enjoy a nice break away."



Caleb Manning

Haliburton

"Not having to go to school because I don't like doing work"

Letters

Some people have too much free time

Dear editor.

Broadcasted on The National Dec. 11, CBC initially removed the traditional festive song "Baby It's Cold Outside" from its seasonal playlist saying it was perceived as entrapment and then put it back on. Rogers and Bell Media to date have expelled the song.

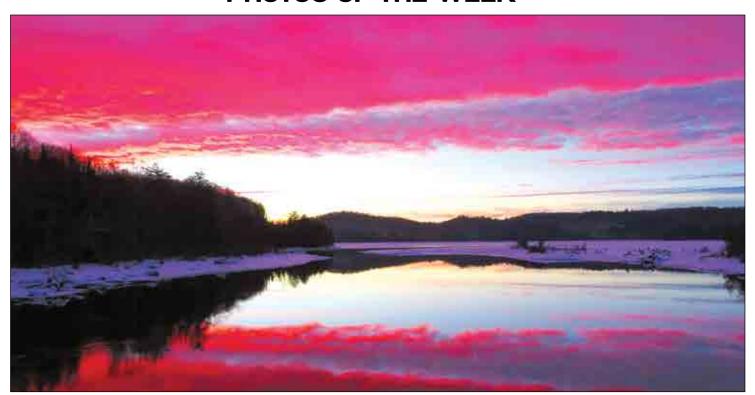
The National's panel is looking at other problematic seasonal traditional festive songs and wonder if they will be on the chopping block. I received an email with the following concerns about traditional songs such as "I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus," perceived as subjecting minors to softcore porn, "White Christmas - perceived racist, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer"-bullying, "Santa Baby"- gold digger, blackmail and "Frosty the Snowman - sexist - not a snowwoman.

These are just a few ridiculous observations regarding music we hear for about five weeks over the festive season once a year. Many chart-topping musical lyrics played day in and day out project offensive and permissive messages and not associated with this festive season. Costume attire worn by many musicians and provocative intense sexual movements would be more of a concern than seasonal festive music which brings joy to the majority of us. My opinion is this entire matter is ridiculous.

It appears some people have too much free time on their hands, projecting a negative disruptive opinion to the benefit of no one and will only draw and assist attention to special interest groups.

Beverly MacDuff Gooderham

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK





Top: The sun sets over Oblong Bridge Sunday morning, creating an array of colour across the water and clouds. Bottom: The sun rises over a misty Eagle Lake. *Photos by Maggie Lawrence*.





New deputy warden selected

Dave Burton will become the County of Haliburton's next deputy warden.

Burton was the only member of council to submit a declaration of interest for the position Dec. 12.

"I'm very interested in the position and I feel I can bring a lot to the table. I have been warden a couple of times, I've chaired many committees," Burton said. "I would be very willing to assist the warden when called upon."

Council voted unanimously to have Burton officially sworn-in at the next regular county council meeting Jan. 23.

County considers new strategic plan

County council discussed creating a new strategic plan during its Dec. 12 meeting.

In an orientation presentation to council, chief administrative officer Mike Rutter suggested council meet with staff for a strategic planning session.

"We really have one goal and that's to help you achieve yours," he said to council. "We're respectfully requesting an opportunity to work with you on a strategic plan so we can really, clearly identify what those goals are."

The idea received support around the council table.

"It's about time," Coun. Dave Burton said. "It's exactly the time for us to come back again and re-examine our priorities," Coun.

Carol Moffatt said.

However, Moffatt added it would be important for county council to ensure its strategic decisions are followed through at

the lower-tier municipalities.

"It's incumbent on us we go back to our own tables and say 'we've made this decision and each of our own levels have to feed this process to prove out those efficiencies," Moffatt said.

County committee structure debated

Council decided against shaking up its committees with a new committee of the whole structure.

A staff report was presented to council Dec. 12 outlining the benefits of the structure, which would see multiple issues fall under one committee featuring the entire council, including roads, finance, emergency services and planning. The outlined benefits included more efficient use of time and councillors being more equally informed.

Warden Liz Danielsen said she thought both the current direction and a new committee direction could work. She also said it is incumbent on councillors to inform themselves of committees.

"We have a responsibility to know what's



Warden Liz Danielsen presided over her first council meeting of the new term Dec. 12. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

going on," she said. "I've read every committee report, whether I'm on that committee or not."

Changing to a committee of the whole was also estimated to cost an additional \$2,000, according to the staff report.

Burton said it would be best to revisit the issue later.

"I feel for the sake of our valued new

members, we could leave things as they are," Burton said. "If we are going to experiment, play around with the committee, do it next year."

Council voted unanimously to receive the report for information and have it brought back to a council meeting late next year for further direction.



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Plans move forward to transform Dorset Library

By Joseph Quigley

Algonquin Highlands council is pushing forward with budgeting to turn the Dorset Library into a multi-functional community hub.

Council voted unanimously during its Dec. 13 meeting to direct staff to include costs for the transition in its upcoming draft budget. The motion came after a discussion on the future of the library and a review of the results of a community survey. The online survey, which asked residents for their views on the library, had about 59 per cent of 134 respondents vote in favour of transitioning the space under township management.

The Dorset Library, located within the Dorset Recreation Centre, has been struggling with low circulation, Mayor Carol Moffatt said. The library is currently open eight hours a week, whereas the proposed community hub would be open 40 or more hours a week, according to the survey.

"The big decision is to move forward. Moving forward is not written in stone," Moffatt said during the meeting, adding council will have more discussions with staff and committees about what the hub might look like. "Just keep it, dare I say, an open book."

Although the specifications of the hub are not finalized, the township has proposed using book drop services in the new space. The service would be run by township staff and allow residents to order books for delivery online through the county

Danielsen said there has been friction with the Haliburton County Public Library Board over taking this step.

"I see it as an enhancement ... I feel a bit bad about saying this, but I feel the library board

has, to some extent, put their heads in the sand," Danielsen said. "They don't want to be responsible for making this decision."

She later said the board has worked hard towards improving the situation at the Dorset Library.

"They have done, in my estimation, everything they possibly can as a board. They would prefer not to do this, but it has been thrown into our laps and here we are," she said.

Library board chair Nancy McLuskey said in an email there has not been a board motion to close the branch.

"The current discussion is being driven by Algonquin Highlands seeking to achieve the best possible use of the property as is there perogative,"

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she is a huge proponent of libraries and questioned the limitations of the survey, such as not having a clearer idea on how different demographics were

However, Dailloux said she was heartened by the township commitment to keep providing residents access to books and would support the multipurpose hub with that in mind.

"If we can hold ourselves accountable to making sure the spirit of booking does not die and come up with some really innovative ways of making sure folks have access to other libraries," she said.

The survey said possibilities for the hub could include providing a new reception area, moving four computers in, providing a lounge area and additional programming.

"This is not about the library board is leaving and therefore there's bad people closing the library," Moffatt said. "It's the library board is going but look at what you're getting in exchange."



Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen speaks about plans for the design of a new community hub at the Dorset Library Dec. 13. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Consultant says ride-share best for county

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton's transportation consultant has agreed a shared-ride based model would be best for public transportation.

County council received a report for information Nov. 28 from IBI Group outlining a series of recommendations for a new transportation service. The report found a demand-based transit model would work best within the county and also that the county should contract the service out. The report also found the service would cost at least \$182,400 per year and presented four options for the county to consider for coverage area.

"IBI has reviewed the data, reviewed our populations, reviewed the clusters in our settlement areas where people are located," county director of planning Charlsey White said. "They have agreed that a demand-based system is the system of choice for the County of Haliburton."

IBI was originally hired in June 2018 to take the business case created by the county's transportation task force and create an outline of how transportation could be implemented, according to a staff report. The transportation task force business case also recommended a shared-ride or blended transportation model.

The four possible transportation service areas all include Haliburton, Minden, Carnaryon and West Guilford, Wilberforce, Gooderham and Dorset are also being considered as possibilities for service.

Coun. Carol Moffatt proposed Algonquin Highlands consider polling its residents to determine how many people would actually use the transportation service. She further said based on size and geography, transportation would never be equitable within the county.

"Is it feasible to have a bus, a transportation option that one person's going to use?" Moffatt asked. "It would be important for Algonquin Highlands to have discussion to help this process."

Coun. Murray Fearrey said the county could not serve everyone in transportation.

"There's a whole lot of opportunities. If we're going to service everybody, I think it's going to become a fleet of buses, quite frankly," Fearrey said.

White replied the consultant could hopefully help determine who to best service with transportation.

Moffatt also said there are significant challenges to trying to service everyone.

"Does it put county council in the hot seat of having to choose one sector over another?" Moffatt said. "Logistically, it makes me nervous because you want to do the right thing for the right reasons and serve the right people. But how do we choose the right people when everyone's the right person?"

Fearrey, who did not return to county council for this term, said the initiative is very

"I don't think you have any idea [of] the demand you got," Fearrey said. "I wish you

IBM Group is scheduled to present the final implementation plan for transportation to county council in January.

"This is going to be very interesting," Warden Suzanne Partridge said after the council discussion.



Brent Devolin and Andrea Roberts at the Nov. 27 council meeting. Photo by Joseph Quigley





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Bringing Haliburton hospitality together

By Joseph Quigley

Bonnie View Inn Head Chef Jay Picard is trying to unite Haliburton's hospitality industry and help it thrive with his new Haliburton County and Area Hospitality Industry

The chef pitched his idea to the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholder Group at its meeting Nov. 21, after the association held its first meeting Nov. 14.

Picard said he hopes the association can offer socializing, as well as chances to work collectively on industry-wide issues.

"All-inclusive to anyone involved in the (hospitality) industry," Picard told the stakeholder group. "I know I like to network with like-minded people, just to get people together."

He added the group could work together on volunteer fundraising initiatives, as well as addressing shared issues, such as staffing shortages.

"Different business owners I talk to and chefs, in general even outside of Haliburton – there's a shortage of people in the culinary," Picard said in an interview. "Not as many people are going through culinary that have in the past. It's definitely causing an impact that way."

Nine people attended the Nov. 14 meeting and was productive, Picard said. However, he told the stakeholders group the new association had not taken off the way he expected. He later added he had plenty of people express interest in the concept, but scheduling meant more did not attend the association's first meeting.

"With better timing of it, I think we'll definitely have more people. I've had at least 30 people that I've spoken to think that it's an amazing idea, wanted to come, ended up couldn't come," Picard said. "That's kind of what I had in mind."

Members of the stakeholder group encouraged Picard to keep going with the association.

Sally Moore, who represents the group on the County of Haliburton Tourism Committee, said she attended the



Chef Jay Picard makes a presentation to the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders Group about his new hospitality industry association Nov. 21. Photo by Joseph Quigley

hospitality association's first meeting.

"It was a fabulous social evening of getting to know people and the amount of laughter and humour and stuff that was going on was fabulous. So, don't give up on it," Moore said. "Continue in that vein. People who know each other work well together.'

Picard said it is encouraging to hear people support the association and he hopes to have the next meeting in January.

"I don't intend to give up on it because I think it will be amazing for the community," he said. "We'll just keep plugging away and trying to get something else together."









Major HCSA crossing getting facelift

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is fixing a major bridge on one of Ontario's busiest snowmobile trails, Trans Ontario Provincial Trail "B" at the Beech River Bridge in Algonquin Highlands.

Director John Enright said that over time, two cribs carrying three sections of the 105-foot-long span cracked. He said the bridge was deemed unsafe for passage of snowmobile trail groomers weighing several thousand

"This seriously impacted HCSA grooming operations over the past couple of winters," he said.

The work involves the replacement of a portion of the cribbing with new load bearing and alignment plates and a rubber membrane to protect the restoration from the weather.

Enright said the project would not have been possible without significant funding from the Township of Algonquin Highlands and The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Pollard House and Building Movers of Lindsay will begin the \$58,000 repair within the next couple of weeks.

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HHOA, hunters pushing back on wolf hunt restrictions

By Joseph Quigley

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) are fighting against Algonquin Wolf protections that have earned the ire of Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) members.

OFAH wildlife biologist Keith Munro spoke at the HHOA annual general meeting Dec. 2 about the province's Algonquin Wolf draft recovery strategy. The strategy aims to help sustain the threatened species by mitigating or eliminating known threats, especially human-caused mortality, through hunting regulation.

Munro said the OFAH has issues with the recovery strategy, released last January, and said it fails to take into account current township bans on hunting and trapping the wolves. The OFAH also objects to the protection area extending into places the wolves do not typically dwell.

"Our focus was on critically reviewing the response strategy to make sure that the importance of hunting and trapping isn't missed in this," Munro said.

The OFAH also felt the 30-day period to make official feedback submissions on the strategy was too short, Munro added.

The Algonquin Wolf primarily resides within Algonquin Provincial Park, according to the draft recovery strategy. The strategy proposes consideration for habitat regulation in 40 townships surrounding the park, including within the

County of Haliburton

A March 2 posting on the provincial environmental registry website said the strategy is expected to be finalized within 18 months.

"I think MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) was honestly surprised with the amount of feedback they got," Munro said. "We're kind of in a limbo period right now."

The limitations placed on hunting and trapping the wolves was criticized by HHOA members, who expressed concern about the wolves approaching residences.

HHOA director Toni Cooper said the wolves genetically intermixing with coyotes is also an issue.

"It's a crossbred. Why are we protecting something that's crossbred?" Cooper said at the meeting. "And it's getting worse."

The draft recovery strategy acknowledges hybridization with the Eastern Coyote is a significant threat to the Algonquin Wolf. But the study also cites poor survival rates for the wolves outside Algonquin Provincial Park as a reason for hybridization, due to limited mating opportunities.

HHOA president Larry Hewitt said wolves have to be addressed.

"The wolf problem around Haliburton County is getting paramount," he said in an interview. "To get it addressed is awareness and how we deal with that, I don't know."



Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters wildlife biologist Keith Munro spoke at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association meeting Dec. 2. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*





Joan Barton finishes council term with Highlands East

By Joseph Quigley

For Highlands East Coun. Joan Barton, choosing not to run for a third term was a matter of managing a busy life.

"I have other things in life to attend to at this point in time. Everyone has times in their life when they get busier in their personal life than they want to be," Barton said.

The two-term councilor will be the only incumbent not to return to council, with her current colleagues all re-elected or acclaimed to their seats. She participated in her last Highlands East council meeting Nov. 7.

She said Highlands East council worked well together over her eight years there and she was glad to be a part of projects such as building a new library for Wilberforce and the curling club rebuild.

"I was a part of many things that the collective council did that I was really happy about," Barton said

In the wake of her departure, Barton's Ward 4 saw four people run to fill her seat, with Ruth Strong emerging victorious in the Oct. 22 election.

"I'm glad there was a good, democratic fight," Barton said. "I have every reason to think that Ruth will do a good job."

Barton said Highlands East council will continue to try to tackle issues important to the community after her departure, such as the short-term rental accommodations issue.

There is a lot someone learns as a councillor, Barton said.

"You learn a tremendous amount when you're on council, because you're always having to learn about the next thing that has suddenly come up."



Highlands East Coun. Joan Barton is wraped up her time as a councillor Nov. after deciding not to run for reelection. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

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Make fact-based decisions says new councillor Carter

By Lisa Gervais

Q. As you prepared for your first meeting Dec. 3 how were you feeling?

A. I feel enthusiastic. I am anxious to get started on my agenda and the challenges that are facing Council.

Q. It's one thing to be elected, another to actually be a councillor. How much of a learning curve do you think is ahead of you?

A. I expect a steep learning curve. Familiarizing myself with the issues, the rules, the law, the people and the staff will take time. Also, in my role as a councillor my responsibility is to govern which is different from my experience as a leader and manager. However, five of the council are experienced hands who I am sure can provide me with guidance,

Q. In my experience, new councillors can be a bit naïve. They come in fired up about change and then realize the constraints of the job, due to provincial government oversight, red tape etc. How do you feel about that?

A. This will be a part of that learning curve we spoke about. I am sure that I will face moments where issues and projects are not progressing as fast as I would like. However, I have worked in highly regulated

environments and learned that you need to keep focused on the goals and objectives.

Q. What are you most interested in and what committees would you like to sit on?

A. I have a strong interest in housing, economic development and the protection of our lakes and wetlands. I do not know what committees will exist in the new term but there are two areas that come to mind. I enjoyed my time serving on the planning and development committee, which included the housing task force, so I want to continue with that committee. I would also like to serve on a committee that is dedicated to the economic development of Minden Hills.

Q. If you could discuss three priorities for your term on council, what might they be?

A. I am certain that events and issues will change priorities over the next four years but right now my priorities are; Put into action the recommendations of the housing task force and get some much-needed housing planned and built; complete and implement an economic development plan and complete and implement the septic inspection program to protect our lakes.

Q. What kind of style can we expect from you as a councillor?

A. I like to make decisions based on facts and information. Therefore, my style will be to ask questions and request that proposals are evaluated and justified based on facts.

The interview

Jennifer Hughey wants more transparency

By Lisa Gervais

Q. As you prepared for your first meeting Dec. 3 how were you feeling?

A. Truthfully, I am a bit nervous — like the feeling you have on the first day of any new job. But I am also very excited to hit the ground running, to learn new skills and to familiarize myself with the current issues facing council in a way a councillor would; by reading as much as humanly possible and getting to know the ins and outs of the processes for policy and procedural routines and changes.

Q. It's one thing to be elected, another to actually be a councillor. How much of a learning curve do you think is ahead of you?

A. I think the learning curve will be that of any other new task or skill life throws at you. It is how you deal with it that makes all the difference. The municipal staff have been so great in informing me of training courses and conferences and I have requested to attend as many as they will allow to increase my knowledge base. Personally, I am also researching courses on my own I can take from home and I plan to get as acquainted with my role's duties as quickly as possible, aiming to learn something new everyday for the next four years.

Q. In my experience, new Councillors can be a bit naïve. They come in fired up about change and then realize the constraints of the job, due to provincial government oversight, red tape etc. How do you feel about that?

A. Anyone who runs for council, assumingly, would be fired up about change – but realizes there may be challenges or road blocks. It's about how you find ways through things with active discussion and research that provides the light at the end of the tunnel. If we focus on the constraints or red tape, you focus less on the positives and more about the negatives. I want to go in with a positive attitude, even if there are walls to climb.

Q. What are you most interested in and what

committees would you like to sit on?

A. My interest lies first and foremost in the community improvement plan (CIP) and what it will mean for the downtown dynamic – which is why part of the goal is to sit on the committees I already sit on or volunteer for. With my event experience, it would be great to stay on the municipality's events committee and as I was appointed to the CIP Task Force this summer, it would be great to see that initiative through. I would also be interested to sit on an environmental committee or the housing committee, but am open to all challenges.

Q. If you could discuss three priorities for your term on council, what might they be?

A. My priorities are housing, transportation and environmental initiatives. One, to make sure there are continued discussions about rental and senior housing shortages and that we are brainstorming about how the municipality could step up to alleviate those issues. Even if only a bit of that shortage was improved and discussions about building codes were had, we'd be a step ahead.

Two is transportation and determining if what is working for other municipalities could work for Minden, but to continue the discussions already in place about this issue and see what options we can test.

And third, environmental challenges are affecting the entire ratepayer base – and we need to better our system of waste management by looking at case studies and best practices similar to Minden's challenges and what those municipalities did. Ultimately, becoming less of a strain and more of a solution.

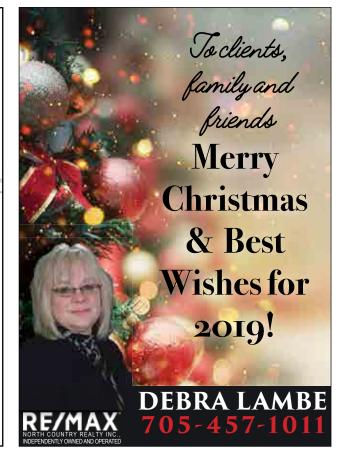
Q. What kind of style can we expect from you as a councillor?

A. Transparency, as stressed from the beginning of my campaign. An ear to listen to those who have issues and to follow through with ideas and hopefully, solutions. I will be fair but also firm in decision-making processes with my fellow colleagues around the table, and to always do my homework to be as prepared as possible – because that is what I would expect.









Highlander environment



Recycling costs are rising for area municipalities due to a crash in the global market. In Dysart et al, the township is expecting to have paid over \$31,000 more for recycling by the end of 2018 compared to last year. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Global recycling crash felt in Haliburton

By Joseph Quigley

Townships across the county are grappling with higher recycling costs due to a crash in the global recycling commodities market.

The crash is being driven by China, one of the world's largest recycling importers, decreasing its intake and putting stricter rules for contamination rates, according to a letter sent to area municipalities by Waste Connections of Canada.

Waste Connections of Canada now has recycling contracts in Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Dysart et al. District manager Iain Wates said their company is better positioned than many to handle the changing commodity market, but the higher recycling costs are here to stay.

"Everybody's dealt with low pricing and all those kinds of things, but never has there ever been anything quite like this before," Wates said. "It's turned the recycling commodity world upside down and that's not about to change."

Highlands East estimates it will have spent

processing fees compared to 2017, according to environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd. Projections were not yet available for next year.

Minden Hill's plastic recycling processing rates fell in 2018, according to environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram. However, a staff report from Ingram indicates those costs are expected to rise for 2019, requiring a \$27,000 budget increase for recyclable transportation and processing.

Algonquin Highlands operations manager Adam Thorn said he is not expecting any major changes to material processing costs in the very near future, though it has a contracted increase based on the consumer price index, which was 2.2 per cent in 2018.

Dysart et al is projecting to have spent over \$31,000 more in recycling costs in 2018 compared to 2017, according to director of public works Rob Camelon. After switching its contractor to Waste

\$19,365 by the end of the year for increased Connections of Canada at its Nov.27 council meeting, the municipality anticipates its 2019 recycling costs will fall over \$8,000 below 2017 levels.

Dennis Casey, who served as the chair of the Dysart et al Environmental and Conservation Committee in the last term, said the recycling cost increase was sudden and required the municipality to use \$20,000 being saved for new scales at the Haliburton landfill.

"Over a period of the next few years, the recycling issue, at a municipal level, the cost is going to become quite significant," he said.

Casey said it was unfortunate, as the scales would allow the municipality to better manage what is being brought into the landfill and create more revenue. He further said he expects recycling standards will become stricter in the future.

"Contaminated bins would be harder to work with and they'll be fussier in terms of what's in the bins," he said.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East councils both discussed a mistaken letter sent to the two municipalities from Waste Connections of Canada about increased recycling costs.

The letter also said there is a need for less recycling contamination and raised the possibility of customers suspending recycling programs due to costs.

Wates said the letter was never intended for the two municipalities, whose recycling contamination levels are low. The letter was intended for the commercial customers of municipalities in other districts, he added.

He further said the company has tried to manage processing cost increases by providing additional revenue sharing for municipalities, but there is no way around recycling costing more.

"We're going to continue to serve our partners to the best of our ability and do the best we can to minimize costs for them," Wates said.



Highlander health

Health unit urges against driving high during holidays

By Joseph Quigley

With the holidays here, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit is urging people to avoid driving while impaired.

In a Dec. 13 press release, the health unit said local residents should avoid driving impaired in any way, including from alcohol, drugs like cannabis or a combination.

This is the first holiday season since cannabis has been legalized in Canada. HKPR District Health Unit Substances and Harm Reduction Coordinator Catherine McDonald said it is important to know how cannabis can impair people's ability to drive and operate machinery.

"We need to be responsible and make the right choices to avoid impaired driving of any kind," MacDonald said.

The press release notes cannabis has more than 140 chemicals than can affect a person's brain and actions, with the most psychoactive being THC (tetrahydrocannabinol).

The 2018 Canadian Cannabis Survey by the federal government found nearly 40 per cent of people surveyed who had used cannabis the past year admitted to driving within two hours of using the drug.

Public Safety Canada also conducted research on cannabis-impaired driving in 2017. The research found four in 10 people who had driven while impaired downplayed the risks by either indicating it is less dangerous than driving while under the influence of alcohol or driving while under the influence of cannabis poses no real risk.

"The same rules apply: if you are impaired in any way from alcohol, cannabis or other drugs, do not get behind the wheel of your vehicle," MacDonald said. "If you are going out to celebrate with friends or family and are drinking or using cannabis or any other substance, plan ahead on how you will get home safely."

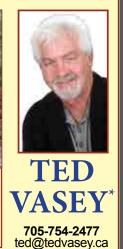


The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging people to not drive impaired this holiday season, the first since the legalization of cannabis. *flickr*.





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8:00 PM Rep Midget vs. Lindsay Muskies Lindsay Rec (1)

Thursday, January 3rd

All day Rep Peewee Bryan Bickell Cup (Orono, Ontario)

Saturday, January 5th

9:50 AM LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and consulting vs. Huntsville Davicor CSC (Jack Bionda)

10:40 AM LL Peewee 2- Canadian Tire Huntsville HRC CSC (Don Lough)

11:15 AM LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction South Muskoka Fitzmaurice Bros Bracebridge

12:30 PM Rep Novice Huntsville Otters S. G. Nesbitt Arena

5:45 PM Rep Peewee Ennismore Eagles Ennismore

Sunday, January 6th

12:30 PM Rep Novice Muskoka Rock A. J. LaRue Arena

1:10 PM Initiation 2 Huntsville Canada Summit Centre

2:00 PM LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction South Muskoka Middaugh A. J. LaRue Arena

2:40 PM



Rep Bantam West Ferris Trappers CSC (Jack Bionda)

4:00 PM LL Midget 2- Total Site Services Parry Sound Muskoka Auto Parts BOCC

6:00 PM LL Midget 1- Pharmasave South Muskoka Dominoes Pizza Bracebridge

Thursday, January 10th – Sunday January 13th

Rep Atom Liftlock Tournament Peterborough

Friday, January 11 8:30 PM LL Midget 2- Total Site Services Huntsville Little Caesars A. J. LaRue Arena

Saturday, January 12th

10:00 AM Tyke Sturgeon Lake Thunder A. J. LaRue Arena

11:00 AM LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and consulting South Muskoka Envotek S. G. Nesbitt Arena 11:10 AM

LL Peewee 2- Canadian Tire South Muskoka CC Tatham

Gravenhurst

12:45 PM LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction Parry Sound McNabb Home Bld Bracebridge

2:00 PM LL Atom 2- TD Canada Trust Parry Sound Marshall Black Carp

Gravenhurst

3:00 PM LL Peewee 1- Walkers Home Hardware Huntsville HRC S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Sunday, January 13th

12:40 PM Tyke Huntsville Otters Canada Summit Centre

4:00 PM LL Midget 1- Pharmasave Parry Sound Doherty's Masonry BOCC

Saturday, January 19th

10:00 AM LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction South Muskoka Wes Finch Gravenhurst

11:00 AM LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and consulting A. J. LaRue Arena

2:00 PM LL Atom 2- TD Canada Trust Almaguin Ice Devils A. J. LaRue Arena

4:00 PM LL Peewee 2- Canadian Tire LL Peewee 1- Walkers Home Hardware A. J. LaRue Arena

Sunday, January 20th

12:30 PM LL Peewee 2- Canadian Tire Huntsville HRC A. J. LaRue Arena

2:00 PM LL Peewee 1- Walkers Home Hardware Huntsville Main Street Dental S. G. Nesbitt Arena

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2:00 PM Initiation 2 Muskoka Rock A. J. LaRue Arena

3:30 PM LL Midget 1- Pharmasave Parry Sound Tamarack North S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Saturday, January 26th

Initiation 2 - Warkworth Fun Day Warkworth

8:30 AM LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction Huntsville Davicor CSC (Jack Bionda)

9:20 AM LL Peewee 2- Canadian Tire Huntsville Main Street Dental CSC (Don Lough)

11:30 AM LL Atom 2- TD Canada Trust vs. South Muskoka Wes Finch Bracebridge

12:00 PM Tyke Sturgeon Lake Thunder vs. Fenelon Falls Community Centre

12:30 PM LL Peewee 1- Walkers Home Hardware vs. Parry Sound Harry No Frills Gravenhurst

1:00 PM LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction vs. Huntsville Lake of Bays Plumb S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Sunday, January 27th

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Players line up for a face-off during The Highland Storm Rep League Atom game versus the Ennismore Eagles Dec. 15. The Storm would lose the game at A.J. LaRue Arena 4-2. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

Midgets dominate in win

The **Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry** Highland Storm Midget team had a busy weekend with back to back games.

It was hockey night in Minden on Friday Dec. 13 and the midgets wiped out the Powassan Hawks 6-3.

The Storm team came out strong and minutes into it MacNaull nabbed a goal.

Shortly after Gilbert broke through the defense and top cornered the next goal.

Seconds before the end of the period, Vasey took a point shot, Davies picked up the rebound and ended the first 3-0 for the Storm.

The Storm continued to dominate in the second period. MacNaull picked up his second goal with a slap shot, that made it 4-0.

The Hawks managed to get a goal during a 5 minute power play later in the second. Shortly after, still shorthanded, Haedicke won the faceoff to feed Gilbert, he snapped a one timer in for a 5-1 game, ending the second.

The Hawks scored early in the third and made it a 5-2 game. The action continued, Haedicke started the rush, fed Smith and he chipped in the goal.

The Hawks got lucky on a breakaway and scored. A nice 6-3 win for the Storm midgets.

The next day, they travelled to Huntsville and took on the Otters. It was a tough game from the start. The first goal went to the Otters while on a power play. The Storm team picked up the pace and MacNaull scored a wrap around goal, 1-1.

The midgets worked hard and killed off a 5-on-3 power play. That boosted the Storm. Haedicke took off with lightning speed, made a quick pass to Gilbert and he did his magic to find the open top corner. The Storm were now winning 2-1.

The Otters answered back loudly with three goals. The Storm team went into the third period down 4-2.

It didn't take long for them to close the gap, while on a power play, making it 4-3. MacNaull won the face-off, fed Walker and he snapped it in. The intensity picked up. Gilbert began the rush, took it behind the net and then found Haedicke waiting in front to secure the goal and the 4-4 tie. A great game played by the midget team. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke).

Bantams battle to tie

On Friday, the **Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland** Bantams hosted the

Lindsay Muskies.

The Muskies scored in the first period, which was quickly answered by a goal from Ty Mills assisted by Jackson Wilson.

In the second period, the Muskies scored again. The Storm answered back with a goal by Colby McGovern assisted by Mills.

In the third period the Muskies scored again, taking the lead. With two minutes left on the clock, the Storm's Kaine Brannigan scored, assisted by Gage Hutchison and Ty Mills.

The Storm were able to keep the Muskies at the while continuing to battle at the Musky net right to the last second, but were unable to take the win, ending the game in a 3-3 tie.

On Saturday, the Storm travelled to Millbrook to play the Millbrook Stars.

The Storm had a difficult time getting past the Stars defence. The Storm were able to hold the Stars at one for the whole first period.

Darion Maddock had an outstanding night in net, making at least 30 saves. Multiple times, Maddock's legs were like the paddles in a ping pong arcade game with the puck being saved off his right pad, then left, then a quick catch in his glove. Maddock was on his toes keeping the Stars at three goals.

Next up, the Storm travel to Huntsville to play the Huntsville Otters on December 22nd. (*Submitted by Jessica Lloyd*).

Tykes cruise to win

The **Tom Prentice and Sons/Walkers Heating and Cooling** Tyke team had their first home game Saturday at the Haliburton arena against Muskoka Rock.

Nixon Ecclestone and Kelson Bagshaw had no trouble finding the back of the net scoring a combined five goals in the first period.

The Storm kept up their momentum in the last period, with six more goals scored by Matthew Mueller, Rowan Johnson, Brady Burke and Ecclestone.

Storm goalie Jackson Robichaud played a stellar game only allowing Port Carling to sneak three goals into the Storm net (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw).

Novice lead collapses in loss

On Saturday, Dec. 13, the **Haliburton TimberMart** / **Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp** Rep Novice team hosted the Kawartha Coyotes at the A.J. Larue arena in Haliburton.

The Storm knew the competition would be tough. In the first period, Henry Neilson scored the first goal for

Storm Rep reports

the Storm on a breakaway.

During the second, Neilson put another one in with the assist going to Isaac Trotter. Hot goaltending by Carter Braun and a solid defense held the Coyotes at bay.

During the 3rd, Evan Perrott scored the third goal for the Storm, assisted by Neilson, to make the game 3-0 in what was up to this point, a tightly-played game by both teams.

All of a sudden, the Coyotes hit the gas pedal and the game turned upside down for the home team. The Coyotes scored six goals in the last eight minutes of the game resulting in a 6-3 loss for the Storm.

Better luck to the team next Saturday in their away game against the Millbrook Stars. (Submitted by Sarah Gruppe).

Atoms defeated 4-2

On Saturday, the **Ridgewood Ford** / **Cottage Country Building Supplies** Atom A's faced the Ennismore Eagles in Haliburton.

The game started off a strong pace going end-to-end hockey with neither team giving up chances. Storm forward Josh Scheffee played all 200 feet of the ice with some strong backchecking, disabling any Ennismore shot attempts.

Despite these efforts, it wasn't long before the Eagles had posted three goals on the board, sending pucks to their waiting defencemen and strong rushes to the net proving too much for Storm defence.

Getting the Storm on the board was Jace Mills, who managed to get his stick on a Caleb Manning shot that managed to elude the netminder.

Later on in the game, an Eagles clearing attempt was stopped at the blue line by Toby Posti, who capitalized on their mistake with a slapshot sailing to the top corner, bringing the Storm one goal closer to tying it up also making that Posti's first of the year. Toby's goal was assisted by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee.

After a few offensive zone penalties, the door was left wide open when Ennismore added one more goal to make a 4-2 total.

The Storm team also played South Muskoka in Gravenhurst Dec. 19. (Submitted by Pasi Posti).





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Jacob Lloyd-Gottinger



Jacob's ability to anticipate the play combined with his quick reflexes give his team a fighting chance every time he steps on the ice. Jacob's poise and composure throughout the second period Sunday are a big reason the team was able to take control in the third period.

Jacob Mantle



Jacob is a dependable Defenceman. Whether he is blocking shots, chasing down opposing forwards or clearing out the front of the net. There is no doubt he will give his all on every shift. Sunday Jake set up the first two goals and scored the game winner on an unassisted breakaway.

Isaac Borgdorff



In his first year, Isaac has quickly closed the gap and found the net. His desire to score and his ability to crash the net are big reasons he was able to score a hat trick in Sunday's game against South Muskoka.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Storm LL reports

Peewees score 10 for first win

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire Team had a home game against the Almaguin Ice Devils.

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire team came out in full force and kept their speed and skill up all game long.

Goal scorers of the game were: Jamie Crowe (two goals), Ethan Megrah-Poppe (three goals), Haiden Bird, Nathan Guild, Ethan Thomas, Maria O'Malley and Faysal Wiso.

Assists made by Merrick Chapman, Ethan Thomas, Jamie Crowe, and Nathan Guild kept the scores coming in while Carson Simms kept the shots out of his net with 19 saves.

All players worked hard all game long ending the game $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

with a 10-1 win for the Highland Storm. Way to go Storm with your first win of the season.

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tires next game is Saturday January 5th in Huntsville at 10:40am against the Huntsville HRC. (Submitted by Shawn Guild).

TD Bank Atoms lose to South Muskoka

The TD Canada Trust LL Atoms hosted South Muskoka in Minden.

With another battle on their hands, the TDs where showing their skills and keeping South Muskoka scoreless through the first.

During the second period, Brian Robichaud was

showing he was a force to be reckoned with in net, but South Muskoka was able to score. With a face off in the South Muskoka zone, Ethan Rowe won the face off and passed a beautiful shot to Logan Reid which he found the five hole and scored.

During the third period, exhaustion was setting in and the South Muskoka found the win. Final score 9-1 for South Muskoka. (*Submitted by Chris McMartin*).

GJ Burtch Atoms succeed with team effort

On Sunday, the GJ Burtch LL Atom team travelled to Bracebridge to face off against South Muskoka Middaugh Masonry.



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The Highlander Rep League Atom Stars



For his hard work great pace, second and third effort to control the play and finish his job and get the puck where it needed to go.

Tobi Posti



For great defensive play, heads up puck movement finding the open player and blasting his first goal of the season from the point.

Brady Burtch



For his hard fore-checking creating great pressure and scoring opportunities, and relentless back checking helping out in his zone.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

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The Storm would be the first to score, a beauty by Eric Mueller assisted by Jacob Mantle.

Twenty seconds later, South Muskoka tied the game up five mins into the first. It was clear that this game was going to be a battle.

The second period saw chances traded on both ends of the rink. Storm goalie Jacob Lloyd made numerous timely saves to keep his team in the game. Sadie Evans-Fockler was blocking shots and Jacob Davis was diving to chip the puck out of our zone. A definite team effort was on display. The Storm's team approach began to pay off starting the third period. Isaac Borgdorff scored 35 seconds into the third, assisted by Olivia Gruppe and Mantle.

Minutes later, South Muskoka answered back with a goal of their own, tying it back up at two.

The Storm did not back down. Mantle stole the puck skated through everyone and scored unassisted just 30 seconds later.

The Storm soon found themselves in the driver's seat as Borgdorff scored his second. Then Eric Mueller got his second of the game, assisted by Gruppe and Davis.

Isaac Borgdorf scored his third of the period with only six seconds remaining. They did not stop working even once they took the lead. Great team effort. Final 6-2.

Midgets topple unbeaten bears

The LL Pharmasave Midgets played the undefeated South Muskoka Bears last weekend in Minden.

The Bears opened the scoring on a low shot that found its way past a screened Nate Miscio.

The Storm had a two-man power play at the end of the first and forward Brenden Newhook took full advantage, tying the game early in the second.

South Muskoka regained the lead a few minutes later when a player was left wide open in front of Miscio.

Jayme Coltman had a strong second period with some excellent forechecking and rushes that almost turned into scoring opportunities.

Miscio made a sweet kick save on a low shot just prior to Paul Turner tying the game for the Storm, finishing off a rebound from a Newhook shot. The Storm found themselves tied at 2-2 with the league leading Bears heading into the final frame.

Colin Crowe almost scored in-close on the power play and then completed the job seconds later to put the Storm ahead for the first time.

The Bears tied the game again on a strong 3-on-1 but Crowe came right back and popped in his second of the night which would eventually turn out to be the winner for the Storm, beating South Muskoka 4-3 (Submitted by Gord Hoenow).

Midget girls Jets celebrate win and tie over weekend

Late afternoon, on Saturday, the team hosted the Keene Wolverines on home ice.

The game was hard fought by both teams exchanging opportunities end to end throughout the game.

The Jets took the lead early in the first. Ryan Rupnow, unassisted, skated the puck in from her defensive position, came from behind the opponents net, and started off the Jets with a beautiful back handed goal.

Shortly after, with a scramble in front of the Wolverines net, Jaylin Frost was able to find the puck and tuck it in, assisted by Victoria Shpikula.

Halfway through the second period, with the Jets short handed, Gabbey Burnett, unassisted, stole puck at centre ice skated it in and deked Keene's goalie.

Top of the third, with a precision pass from teammate Haley Goulet, from the right corner in the opponents end, Kendra Bandy scored the final goal of the game from the blue line, with a shot bottom left corner. Final score in the nail biter game 4-3 for the Jets.

On Sunday afternoon, again on home ice, the team took on the Ennismore Eagles for another exciting evenly matched game.

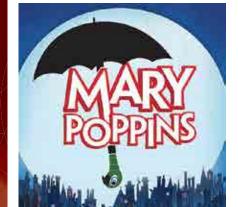
Jules Croskery, had the Jets lone goal of the game with a back hander, as a result of a scramble in front of the Eagles net. She was assisted by Liv Martin. The Jets held Ennismore the entire game, but with only 1:57 remaining on the clock in the third, the Eagles scored, resulting in a

The Jets next home game is this Saturday, December 22 at 3pm against Cold Creek.

Come out, watch the action and cheer the girls on! (Submitted by Linda Goulet)

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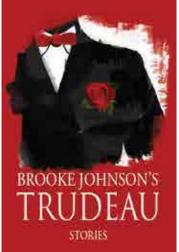
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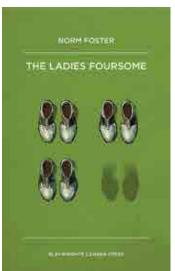


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By Richard Alfieri

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Highlander sports



Haliburton's Nick Emsley shows off one two bikes he used in 2018. Photo submitted.

Emlsey looks to build toward 24-hour races in 2019

By Nick Emlsey

The 2018 race season was a dream come true as I found myself lining up with some of the top elite athletes in the world.

For the past seven years, I have been training with the goal of reaching the elite level which I achieved this year.

Although 2018 was difficult with injuries, broken bikes, exhaustion and working two jobs, all wasn't lost.

My coach and I came up with a plan to overcome some of these hurdles. That resulted in placing second in the Ontario Marathon Championships, and ninth at the Canadian National Championships in Ouebec.

With the 2018 season behind us, the focus for 2019 will be to prepare for ultra marathon distances, 24-hour races and championship events. We are specifically training towards representing Canada and,

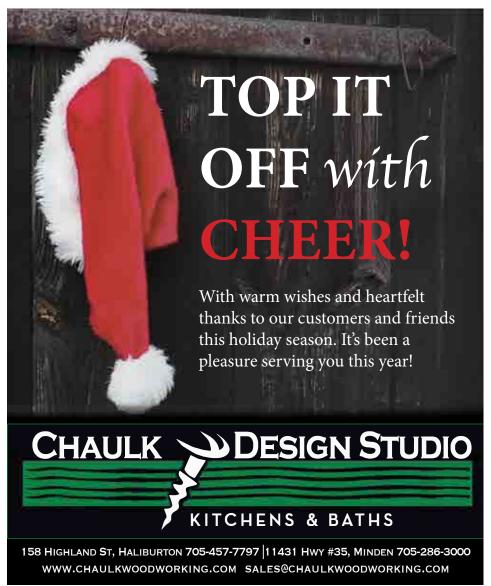
of course, Haliburton at the 24-hour World Championships in Switzerland.

When you are training at this level, everything is about hitting specific targets to take it to the next step. When you train 650-700 hours a year and every session is about hitting a goal, the pressure is another part of training. Getting past the pain and fatigue is the hardest part but mentally you have to keep a certain level of focus.

I was given the opportunity to race 160

km gravel races on a new bike designed by my sponsor from Iceland. That was a great experience and I will be racing it again in 2019. The amazing sponsors I had this year helped out so much I couldn't have done it without them.

The support from family, friends and other athletes has been so motivating. The 2019 season is just five months away and if training stays on track it should be a fast and fun year.





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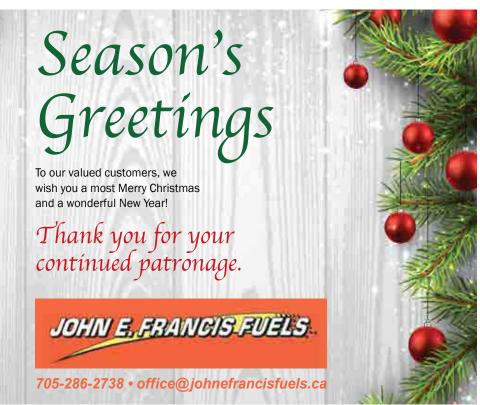
Nancy Bishop, owner of Minden and Haliburton Tim Horton's locations and manager Debbie Rouble presented a cheque for \$4324.00, proceeds from the 2018 Smile Cookie Campaign, to Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) board members Mark Arike, Bill Kerr, Lisa Kerr, Melanie Aldom and Betty Mills. Also present were Clinic Manager Alana Bannister and University of Toronto Dental Students Emily Hazel and Marshell Kurniawan. Including this latest donation, Tim Horton's has donated a total of \$21,684.00 over the past five smile cookie campaigns and helped VDO keep Haliburton residents smiling.

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Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers

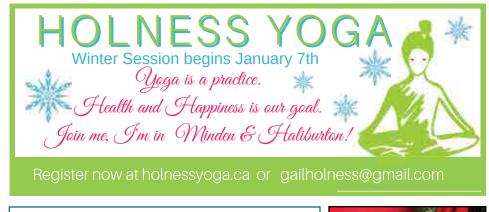
The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Car Club recently donated \$750 to the Minden, and \$750 to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliaries. The old Car Club raised the funds throughout their summer cruise nights from 50/50 raffles. The club would like to thank all those who purchased tickets to make this possible. The photo was taken at their annual general meeting in November. *Photo submitted*.





Hospital auxillary welcomes donation

The Commonwell Mutual Insurance group and Flloyd Hall Limited donated a combined \$18,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Auxiliary Dec. 14. The donation will be used by the auxiliary to purchase a new emergency room stretcher for stroke and heart attack victims, as well as two acute care beds. Left to right: Regena Scott, Teresa Lahey, Glenn Hall, David Blodgett, Carolyn Plummer, Jacqui Clarkson, Greta Lariviere, David Gray, Heather McMullen, Rhonda Elstone, Kathy Newton. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.







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Lesley English says a few words to her pony at Abbey Gardens. Photo by Felix Wong.

Horsing around at Abbey Gardens makes for good people therapy

By Felix Wong

The Abbey Gardens Pony Powered Learning Experience (APPLE) continues to use horses to teach skills such as teamwork, leadership, trust and more with the help of its Lac La Croix ponies. Facilitated by APPLE trainer Lesley English, its two programs – Ladies Night and Date Night – take place once every few weeks.

APPLE uses Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) programs, a 15-year-old offshoot of animal-assisted therapy. EAL involves the use of horses to teach life skills such as effective communication, appropriate assertiveness, confidence, setting boundaries, problem solving and more, said English.

A pair of critically endangered Ojibwe horses – also known as Lac La Croix Indigenous Ponies – are used in the program.

"This breed is one of only three native Canadian horse breeds and there are fewer than 200 remaining in the world," said English. "The APPLE program is part of Abbey Gardens' efforts to raise awareness of this fantastic breed."

In addition to the two ponies, Abbey Gardens also has an Appaloosa mini horse which allows APPLE to host groups

of up to 12 people at once.

Ladies Night offers women the opportunity to get in touch with their authentic selves, pushing them out of their comfort zone and allowing them to develop their sense of confidence, courage and creativity. Date Night helps participants build relationship skills as couples solve problems with ponies through exercises that help them come up with fresh perspectives and solutions. The program helps couples build conflict resolution skills and improve self-expression and communication styles.

English received her EAL facilitator's certification from the Dreamwinds EAL Centre a year and a half ago and has been working with Abbey Gardens ever since to help develop and grow the APPLE pilot program. Although APPLE is technically not a therapeutic program, English has witnessed firsthand the strong therapeutic effect APPLE has had on its participants.

"We see clients having those 'ah-ha' moments of personal insight, we notice people learning to carry themselves with confidence and we're often told by participants that they finish a session feeling calm and empowered," she said.

APPLE is currently in the process of expanding to offer retreat programs and children's programming as well as professional development and team-building workshops.



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Please note: Skates are not provided



Happy Holidays

-From the Highlander team

This is our last issue of the year. While we are taking a break, make sure to follow our Facebook page and thehighlander.ca for breaking news and updates in the Highlands. We will be back on the stands with our next edition on January 10, 2019. From everyone here at the Highlander, we wish you *a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!*





Student art exhibition at Fleming College

For everyone needing a last minute Christmas gift, or a little something for themselves, the Wrap it Up - Student Exhibition had something for everyone. From mugs to axes, paintings & photographs to hand woven wall hangings, it was another successful term at the Haliburton School of the Arts, for both the facility and students. (Hannah Sadlier)

Left: Taylor Craig shows off his hand made ax, that he made in the school's Blacksmith program. Right: Student Nuin-Tara Wilson, and her service dog Blake, are all smiles as she shares her beautiful pieces of art work. She is currently enrolled in the school's VCAD diploma program. Bottom: Eager shoppers looking around at the 58 student booths, trying to find that perfect piece of art to take home with them. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier*.





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Roaring Christmas party

The Haliburton and District Lions Club hosted its first ever Children's Christmas Party. The children sang, coloured, crafted, had homemade treats, and ended the afternoon with a special visitor all the way from the North Pole. Thanks to the club the kids not only had a great afternoon but were able to take the fun home, with each child receiving a new book to call their own. (Hannah Sadlier)

Left: Caedan was super excited to meet Santa, and receive a gift from him, after a fun afternoon. Right: Sawyer had a fun time making a beautiful snowflake ornament for the Christmas tree. Bottom: The room was filled with excitement, as the kids spent the afternoon having fun with the members of the Haliburton & District Lions Club. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier*.



County of Haliburton Holiday Office Hours

The County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Administration Building at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, ON will close on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. and will re-open for regular business on Tuesday, January 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

The County Roads Department has a 24 hour call answer service (705-286-1762) should you require immediate assistance.

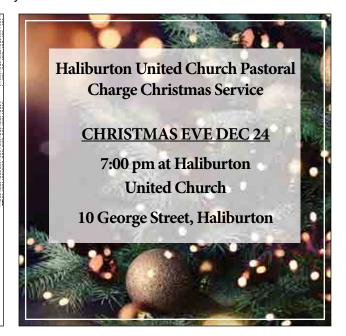
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Folk Society looking for local musicians to perform

The Haliburton County Folk Society is looking for local musicians to perform.

The society provide opportunities for local musicians to perform over the course of the year including: as an opener for one of the headline performers in the Folk Society's Concert Series; as a participant in the annual Homemade Stew Concert and as a featured performer at their open stage held on the second Saturday of each month at the Haliburton museum.

In addition, the Folk Society works in collaboration with other organizations to help develop a roster of performers for events such as the Rotary Club's Music in the Park concert series held each Tuesday night through July and August at Head Lake Park, and the Haliburton County Fair, as well as other public and private events that arise from time to time.

The Folk Society invites any local musicians who are interested in any of these performance opportunities to submit an application. The application form can be accessed at haliburtonfolk. com, or by contacting Kate Hall at kvhall06@gmail.com.

They encourage people to submit their application by Dec. 31 for consideration for all of their events planned for the 2019 calendar year. (*Lisa Gervais*)



Chamber Christmas The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce hosted a Christmas open house Dec. 11. Manager Jennifer Locke (centre) stands next to Holly McDonald and John McDonald of Lakeview Motel. "Just always good to engage with or members and the community. Open up our doors, let people know that we're here," Locke said. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

To our friends near & dear at Christmastime...



As another holiday season comes dashing in, we'd like to pause and wish all of our customers and neighbours here in town a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Friends like you make us grateful to be a part of this fine community, and we thank you for your generous support.

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Child and Family Centre



Storm helps Minden Food Bank

Left: Left to right: Highland Storm bantam players Darian Maddock, Nicholas Phippen and Dylan Keefer help move boxes for the Minden Food Bank Dec. 18. Right: Highland Storm player Cooper Lloyd places candy into boxes to be used for the Minden Food Bank's Christmas baskets. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.

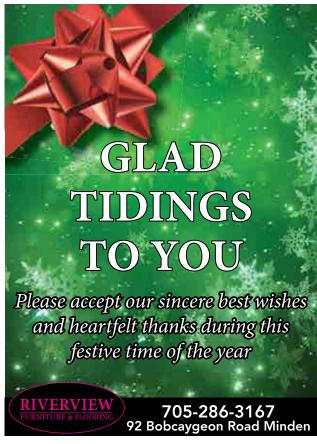


HOCKEY ALL STARS - Casey Joyce (right) taps teammate and Highlands Storm goaltender Carter Braun (left) during the final game of the Muskoka Parry Sound Hockey League All-Star event Dec. 16 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Every team in the league submitted players to play on all-star teams at every level, including novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget. "It was a lot of fun," Parry Sound trainer Forrest Pengra said. "They all learned that these kids that they often play against are more like them than different from them. Kind of puts a different perspective on the game." *Photo by Joseph Quigley*.



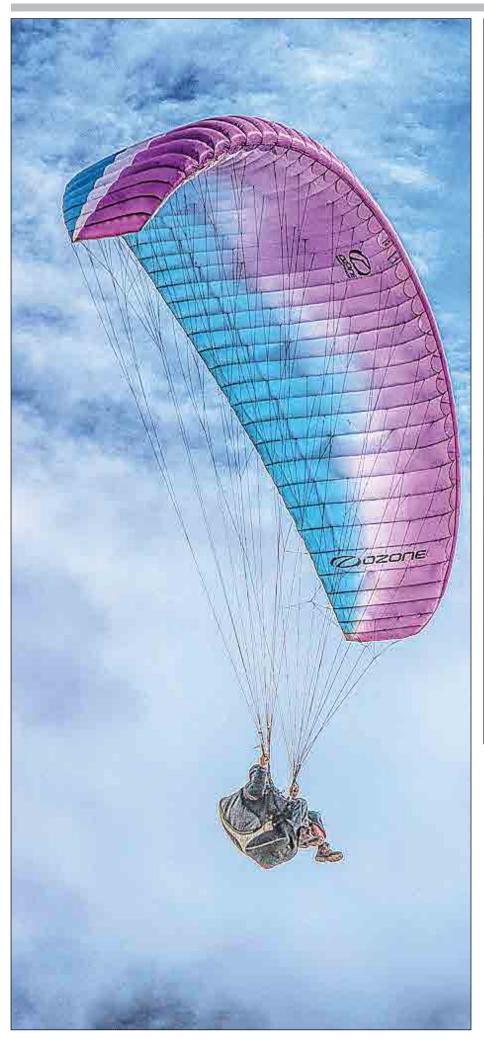
HOSPITAL AUXILLARY - On November 10, Chef Roberto and Chef Frederico, also known as Bob Phillips and Fred Chapple, and a team of dedicated helpers from the Highland Hills United Church transformed the Christian Education Hall at Zion United Church into an Italian Eatery for a wonderful candlelit evening filled with romance and of course spaghetti. Although attendance was lower than hoped due to the wintery weather conditions, a profit of \$538.77 was gratefully received by the Minden Food Bank soon after. Many thanks to all those involved for making this dinner a success. Pictured are Paul Rutledge, Norma Phillips, Bob Phillips, Don Veno and Marilynne Lesperance. *Photo submitted*.







Highlander arts







Showing off their curves

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's latest competition involved curves. The winners were: advanced "Curves" by Tammy Nash (bottom right), intermediate "Time Tunnel" by Larry Murphy (top right) and novice, "Kite Surfer" by Julie Jones. The club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. It's free and open to all. Visit highlandscameraclub.ca for more. *Photos submitted*.

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The Executive Assistant (EA) is responsible for providing administrative support to the President and CEO and Board of Directors and/or for Medical Affairs, Corporate Projects and Procurement. Duties may include meeting support (i.e. coordinating calendars, preparing agendas, recording minutes, determining follow-up items), acting upon incoming and outgoing correspondence and inquires, and assisting with special projects. The successful candidate must possess relevant post-secondary education and have a minimum of three (3) years direct experience

CHIEF OF STAFF

(Part-time Position)

working in a similar role.

Reporting to the Board of Directors and working in partnership with the CEO, the Chief of Staff supports high-quality medical care and professional leadership at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). This part time leader will work collaboratively with the HHHS Medical Advisory Committee and Executive Leadership team as well as the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Organization and other regional health service partners to help HHHS meet its strategic objectives and to support the medical team at HHHS to achieve its goals. Emphasis will be placed on candidates with experience in health care planning, administration and leadership, as well as experience working in rural environments. Candidates must hold active membership in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN (Haliburton Emergency Department)

(Haliburton Emergency Department)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) also has a great opportunity for an Emergency Medicine Physician to provide patient care to a wonderful and appreciative community at the Haliburton site. The Haliburton Emergency Department is a busy rural community hospital which sees an average 15,000 visits per year. The successful applicant must be eligible for independent practice licensure with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario with CCFP (EM) certification or CCFP with experience is preferred. In addition, the candidate must have ACLS and PALS certification. Emphasis will be placed on candidates with strong communication skills and experience working in rural environments. Family Medicine positions are also available within the community.

The following positions are also available, details available at www. hhhs.ca/careers:

- Registered Nurses Emergency/Acute Care Department & Long-Term Care
- Physiotherapists Two full-time permanent positions
- Personal Support Workers Part-time and casual positions

If you are interested in joining the HHHS team for any of the above positions, or would like more information on the opportunities, please contact:

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation due to a disability. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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OBITUARIES



Dorothy Bain

(Resident of Haliburton)

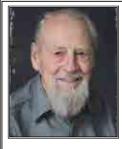
It is with deep sadness that the family of life-long Haliburton resident, Dorothy Irene Bain, share the news of her death from cancer at the age of 89 on December 12, 2018. Dorothy was born at home on July 26, 1929 in Donald, Haliburton County, Ontario, the fifth and youngest child of Caleb and Jennie (Mary Jane Bartley) Bannon. She was the last of her generation to go, being predeceased by her brothers Harold, Bob and Jack Bannon and sister Marjorie (Bannon) Watt. She lost her husband of 60 years, Royce Bain, in 2010 and her eldest son Michael in 1994. Dorothy leaves behind her sons, Tim (Jann) and Jamie (Jeanette); grandchildren Michelle, Katheryn (Joe Dowling),

Patrick, Kyrstin and Kerynne; and great-grandsons William, Owen and Riley. For a time Dorothy's family would move back and forth from Donald into the Village of Haliburton where the children could receive their schooling and eventually they settled permanently in the village. After a brief stint as a teen working in Peterborough she returned to the village where she continued to live and work the rest of her life. She was employed at the Haliburton Hotel, Deer Lodge and Silver Maple Motel as well as selling Avon for a number of years, travelling to homes all over Haliburton County. Dorothy and Royce showed their adventurous spirits with their travels south into the U.S. and across Canada several times. They went to visit Tim and his family at nine of their twelve postings with the RCMP including the Yukon, managing to explore a bit of Alaska while up that way as well. Although they saw many beautiful parts of this country and loved an extended holiday stay they'd had with Jamie and Jeanette on Vancouver Island, neither Dorothy nor Royce could be enticed to move away from their beloved Haliburton, preferring to grow old with the friends and forests of their youth. When Royce joined the Haliburton and District Lion's Club he and Dorothy enjoyed the Fellowship of that amazing local service organization for over twenty years. Friendships made there have carried on and supported Dorothy through all the years since Royce's passing. In their early retirement years the pair were very active with the Citizens on Patrol, doing their part to help keep their hometown safe for all, and for quite a while after raising her boys Dorothy was also an active member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was a faithful attendee at the Legion Bingo fundraisers right up until her very recent illness, enjoying the social connections she made there, along with the odd Jackpot! Dorothy rejoiced in knowing that her grandchildren had grown into wonderful, caring adults and that her legacy of hard work and resilience would carry on. She will be remembered for her stubbornness, her affinity for all things purple, her dedication to The Young and the Restless, and her abiding love for wildlife - and in particular the beautiful blue jays, cardinals and always entertaining chickadees that visited her apartment balcony daily. Mom - Nana - Grandma - Aunt - Friend ... you will be missed.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place in the Spring. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE & RECEPTION



Charles Bert "Chuck" Holliwell

(Resident of Haliburton)

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Chuck Holliwell on Tuesday November 20, 2018 at the age of 96. Predeceased by his beloved wife Beatrice. Loving father of the late Wayne (1974) and Gail (Ralph). Cherished Papa of Maegan and Kelsie and proud great-grandfather of Brooklynn and Kinsley. Dear brother of the late Albert. Loving uncle to Dennis, Chuck, Mark and Dawn. Chuck's gentle loving soul will forever be missed.

Celebration Of Life & Reception

A life well lived. Please join us for a Celebration Of Life Service honoring Chuck Holliwell at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523

Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. on Saturday morning, December 29, 2018 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to a charity of choice and would be appreciated by the family.



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Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, December 13, 2018 with his family by his side, in his 87th year.

Beloved husband of June for 64 years. Dear father of Cathy Colliver, Cynthia Persaud, Bill Tripp, Steven Tripp (Linda) and Stan Tripp (Glenda). Loving papa to Sara, Amber, Nicole, Stacie (deceased), Kerri,

Travis, Matthew, Ashlee, Zachary, Victoria, Michael and great papa to Logan, Damon, Hailey, Dylan and Isaac. Dear brother of Glenda, Eleanor and predeceased by his many brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Service to celebrate Murray's Life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Lakeside Baptist Church or to the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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- 5 Tallest NHL player Zdeno
- 10 "Highway to Hell" rockers
- 14 " only known!"
- 15 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
- 16 Gun sound in the funnies
- 17 Wraps up
- **18** Council group with a wry sense of humour?
- 20 Hot looker
- **22** "Two eggs over easy on multigrain," e.g.
- 23 Milton poem about spoofs that have gone missing?
- 26 Crime investigator, slangily
- 27 Their unofficial anthem is "Waltzing Matilda"
- 31 "Head" in Italian
- **34** Min. concerned with the 3 Rs
- 36 Maple syrup, essentially
- 37 Aptly named comedy sketch show?
- 41 High-kite connector
- 42 Coming soon, in poesy
- 43 Took to the cleaners
- 44 Yachter's meet
- **47** Former Tory cabinet minister Oda
- **48** Absurd humour that makes fun of wickedness?
- 54 "I Kissed ____" (Katy Perry hit)
- 57 Place for a boot on a barstool
- 58 Funny collars for Fido?
- 61 -a-brac (knickknacks)
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- **62** Loonies but not toonies
- 63 Parcel out
- 64 Fjord centre
- 65 "___ right" (skeptic's comment)
- **66** Submissions to CBC's "Go Public"
- 67 Make oneself heard

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- 1 Rocky Mountain bighorns
- 2 Country music's Tucker
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 - 5 Flu shot locale
 - 6 Large crowd
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 - 8 Was smeared by tears, as mascara
 - 9 No matter which
- 10 Scrubs, as a space launch
- 11 Sporting, with "in"
- **12** Maker of Maple Leaf Cookies
- 13 Chris Hadfield's ISS title
- **19** Be a bad friend, in a way
- 21 "Be ___ and fetch my slippers ..."
- 24 Response to an excellent pun
- 25 Response to a terrible pun
- **28** Egyptian goddess who married her brother
- 29 Christmas lights site
- 30 Floored it
- 31 Hermitage honcho, once
- 32 Extract delicately, with "out"
- 33 Guy bash
- 34 Massive computer of the '40s
- 35 Get down and dirty?

- 38 ____'acte (interlude)
- 39 It's a ripoff
- **40** Calgary band that sang "Turn Me Loose"
- 45 From the beginning
- 46 Soft rock?
- 47 Helps climb a tree
- **49** Submit to the CRA, modern-style
- 50 "___ a gun!"
- 51 Lamb's lines
- 52 Misses work, perhaps
- 53 Maj.'s superior
- 54 "... thing of beauty is ____ forever" (Keats)
- 55 Out the door
- **56** Company named for its founder, his farm and his hometown
- **59** Bell Centre home player, for short
- 60 It might be drunk in a bar



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What's on



DECEMBER 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

All December

Balanced Fitness Classes for seniors.
Free, drop-in, we'd love to see you!
Provided by HHHS Community Support
Services.

Mondays - 9:30 a.m. – at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. 10 a.m. – at Hyland Crest Auditorium,

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. – in the Ruth Parkes Room at Haliburton 1:30 p.m. – in the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest.

Fridays - 9:30 a.m. – at Mapleview Apartments, Wilberforce.

Now until December 21st

Gift Wrapping Service, by Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre. Drop by the centre on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., or Friday noon – 4 p.m., and we will wrap gifts in exchange for any donation to the Centre.

Thursday December 20

6 - 7:30 p.m. – Women's Wisdom
Circle, at Abbey Retreat Centre 1150
Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. Join our
monthly circle of wise women, where
we engage in laughter, inspiration,
encouragement and compassionate
presence. Suggested donation of \$15
with proceeds to Abbey Retreat Centre.
Abbeyretreatcentre.ca (3rd Thursday of
each month)

Saturday December 22

9 – 9 p.m. – Free public skating, and a little Christmas cheer, at the Wilberforce Arena. Join the Wilberforce FUNRaising group in celebrating a Merry Christmas.

Sunday December 23

Christmas Lesons and Carols

9:30 a.m. at St. George's Anglican church in Haliburton

11:30 a.m. at St. Margaret's Anglican church in Wilberforce.

10 a.m. – Christmas Celebration Service at Northland Faith Church, 13321 Hwy 118 Haliburton.

Monday December 24

4 p.m. – Christmas Eve Lessons and carols at St. George's Anglican church, Haliburton.

6 – 7 p.m. – The Light of Christmas, at Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. A Christmas Eve celebration like no other, including candlelight carol sing.

7 p.m. – Christmas Eve services at St. Margaret's Anglican church, Wilberforce.

7 p.m. – Christmas Eve service, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine Ave. Haliburton. Communion and special guest music artists. Part of the 2018 advent celebrations for the Haliburton Pastoral Charge.

7 p.m. – Christmas Eve service, at Northland Faith church, 13321 Hwy 118, Haliburton. An hour of carols, songs, and stories.

9:30 p.m. – Solemnity of Christmas, at St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton

9:45 p.m. – Carol Singing at St. George's Anglican church, Haliburton. Christmas Eve service begins at 10 p.m.

Tuesday December 25

9 a.m. – Christmas Day Service, the Solemnity of Christmas, at St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church, 27 Victoria St. Haliburton

10 a.m. – Christmas morning services at St. Margaret's Anglican church in Wilberforce.

10 a.m. - Christmas morning services

at St. George's Anglican church in Haliburton

Noon – 2 p.m. – Christmas Day Dinner at McKeck's Haliburton – free of charge! Hot meal, warm hospitality

Saturday December 29

4:30 p.m. – Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph, at St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton.

Sunday December 30

11:15 a.m. – Contemporary Service, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine Ave., Haliburton. Part of the 2018 advent celebrations for the Haliburton Pastoral Charge.

Monday December 31

9:30 p.m. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, New Year's Eve service at St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton

Monday January 1

9 a.m.and 4:30 p.m. – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, at St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton.

January 2 – 4

Winter in the Woods kids' day camp, at Minden Hills Museum. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., for ages 7 and up, \$6/day. To register call 705-286-3763 or email museum@mindenhills.ca.

Saturday January 5

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends country classics, featuring the steel guitar of Don Stiver, at the Minden Legion. No cover charge. Light lunch available from noon – 2 p.m., 50/50 draw at 1 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, at St. Anthony of Padua Mission church, 27 Victoria St., Haliburton.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion. com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Dec 21 Spaghetti dinner 5-7p.m.

Dec 22 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!!!!

Dec 23, 24, 25 Closed

Dec 26 Open 2 - close

Dec 27 Open 2 - close

Upcoming events

Dec 29 There will be a meat draw

Dec 31 Kick off your New Year Eve with live band "Duel Exhaust" Country/Classic. Rock/50's/Down East music. Buffet and Champaign at midnight. \$15/ person or \$25/couple. Tickets on sale now at Agnews, Todd's Gas station or the Branch 624. Call the legion for more info 705-448-2221

Jan 1/19 New Years Levy 12:30 - 5p.m.

Having a event? Book our hall and have L.A. cater for you. They do a great job. **Want to get involved?** Call the legion 705-448-2221 now if you can help.



What's on

Time to register for Cook it Up and Ready for Retail

By Lisa Gervais

SIRCH has announced that Cook it Up and Ready for Retail are coming back to the Highlands in 2019.

In a media release, they said registrations are now open.

They are free programs. One is in food services training and one is in retail training. They are 16 weeks long and will begin on Jan. 28 and run until May 13.

Participants attend two to three days each week, so could combine the program with part-time work. They will learn the skills employers look for most, will receive certifications as well as get hands-on experience for nine weeks. In fact, some employers are sending part-time staff to gain valuable skills, at no cost to them.

"Employers love graduates of these programs," said Judith Bamford, coordinator of the 2019 programs. "Graduates have been immersed in customer excellence and communication training, and have practical experience. Over 90 per cent of graduates from both programs were employed following the training last year. That's such a win-win."

Each program can take up to 12 students. Applicants 29 or under may be eligible for additional funding, but there are no age restrictions and everyone enjoys a free lunch. The programs offer a supportive approach and positive learning atmosphere.

"If you haven't worked for a while, or lack confidence, this is a great place to start back into the labour market. Transportation may be available to those who need it," SIRCH said.

Cook It Up trainees will do their practicum at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden, where every Tuesday starting in March they will cook a three-course meal for the public. Ready for Retail trainees will be placed in businesses that



Lydia Kim and food coordinator Jay McIvor in the SIRCH Central kitchen. File photo.

match their interests. Both programs offer networking opportunities with businesses and employers in the community.

"People should call and get their names in now. This is one-of-a-kind training that only happens in Haliburton County. There's no cost to those who are accepted into the program; there is a high likelihood of being employed at the end; trainees receive various certifications as well as practical experience and confidence," said Bamford.

Classroom training takes place in Haliburton, with on-the-job training happening in various locations.

SIRCH provides Cook it Up and Ready

for Retail in partnership with City of Kawartha Lakes Social Services, John Howard Society, Fleming College, Victoria County Career Services, Molly's Bistro Bakery and Thrift Warehouse.

Those interested in the programs are encouraged to contact Judith at 705-457-1742 or at judith_bamford@sirch.on.ca.

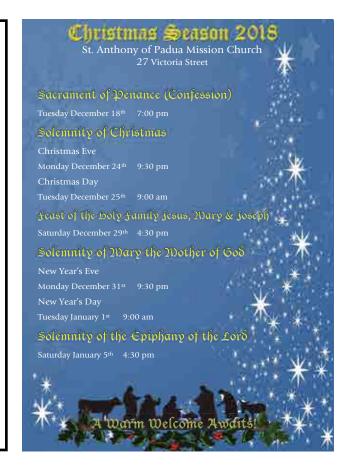


"Christmas Celebration Service"

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM "When Heaven came to Earth"

An hour of carols, songs, and stories of how the world was influenced when heaven sent a child over 2,000 years ago, to bring the message "Peace on earth!"

13321 Hwy 118 (3km) Haliburton





Sunday, December 23, 2018

Christmas Lessons and Carols St. George's, Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. St. Margaret's, Wilberforce, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

St. George's - Lessons and Carols 4:00 p.m. St. George's - Carol Singing 9:45 p.m. - Service begins at 10:00 p.m.

St. Margaret's - Wilberforce, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Morning Services

St. Margaret's, Wilberforce, 10:00 a.m. St. George's, Haliburton, 10:00 a.m.

Regular Service Times St. George's, Haliburton - Sunday at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. St. Margaret's, Wilberforce - Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome

St. George's 617 Mountain St., Haliburton

St. Margaret's 2323 Loop Rd., Wilberforce



Paudash Lake Pertect!



Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Ac forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for.

\$649,000.



Gull River Home -



Spacious modern home with full finished lower level. Wraparound deck, terraced landscaped lot to pretty riverfront with dock and access to 3 lake chain.

\$429,000.

-Haliburton Village Home-



This is a lovely move-in ready 3 bedroom bungalow on Park Street in the village.

Neat as a pin! Well insulated, lots of storage space, central vac, carport and detached oversized single garage with loft. Private corner lot with mature trees. Walking distance to all needs. \$289,000.

Fantastic Income Property



Located between Haliburton & Minden Refreshed, upgraded, well maintained, solid rental history, landscaped. Desirable location at the junction of Soyers & Kash Lakes. Dock the boat at the Marina & enjoy fishing & boating the 5 lake chain. Largest unit has 3 BR, so live there quite comfortably and collect rent from the rest of the units! \$388,000.



Carnarvon



Enjoy waterfront living on peaceful Mirror Lake. 3BR 4PC bath home with full basement & walkout to the lakeside. FAO Heat, stone woodburning fireplace and a lower level woodstove keep it toasty warm. Sunroom, 2 decks, pretty & convenient location.

\$289,000.

Grass Lake , Haliburton Cottage



Village Convenience~Country Charm! Cozy turnkey 2BR cottage plus cute log-look Bunkie! Open concept, pine finish, woodstove. Beautiful west exposure & view. Steps to waterfront, sitting deck and dock. Lake water & septic.

\$449,500.





Linda, Karen, Marion, Kim & Alyssa